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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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GRANULAR SOLIDS IN A FLUIDIZED BED

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to fee calculations and examination on the merits, entry of the following  
Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested. More specifically, all of the claims,  
Claims 1-15 have been amended.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begin  
on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.